



Gulf of Mexico Watershed Mapping Activity

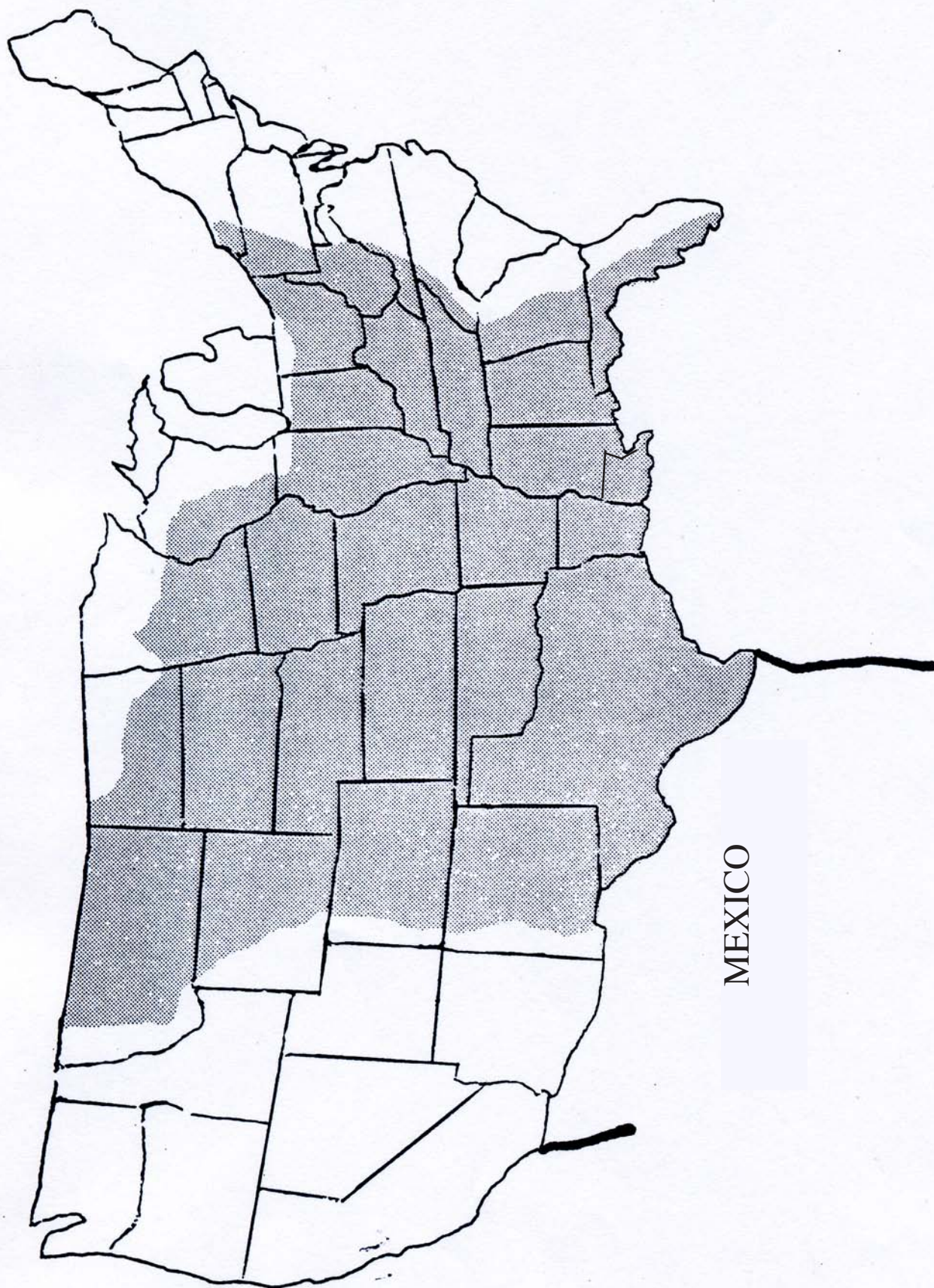


This map shows the parts of the United States that drain into the Gulf of Mexico. Thirty-one states (approximately 2/3 of the U.S.) contribute to the watershed, which is shaded in gray.

Using the map:

1. Label the 31 states that contribute to the Gulf of Mexico watershed. Use the two-letter abbreviation for each state.
2. Identify the states in which only PART of the state contributes to the watershed.
 - a) Color the part of these states inside the watershed green.
 - b) How many of these states did you find?
3. Identify the states in which ALL of the state drains into the Gulf of Mexico.
 - a) Color these states red.
 - b) How many of these states did you find?
4. Place a star at the approximate location of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.
5. Place a star at the approximate location of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

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2. Identify the states in which only PART of the state contributes to the watershed.

Colorado (CO)	New York (NY)
Florida (FL)	North Carolina (NC)
Georgia (GA)	North Dakota (ND)
Illinois (IL) most drains to Gulf of Mexico, tiny part flows to the Great Lakes	Ohio (OH)
Indiana (IN)	Pennsylvania (PA)
Maryland (MD) a very small part	Virginia (VA)
Minnesota (MN)	West Virginia (WV) most drains to Gulf of Mexico, tiny part flows to Atlantic Ocean
Montana (MT)	Wisconsin (WI)
New Mexico (NM)	Wyoming (WY)

 - a) Color the part of these states inside the watershed green. **Labeled in green on key map.**
 - b) How many of these states did you find? **18**
3. Identify the states in which ALL of the state drains into the Gulf of Mexico.

Alabama (AL)	Missouri (MO)
Arkansas (AR)	Nebraska (NB)
Iowa (IA)	Oklahoma (OK)
Kansas (KS)	South Dakota (SD)
Kentucky (KY)	Tennessee (TN)
Louisiana (LA)	Texas (TX)
Mississippi (MS)	

 - a) Color these states red. **Labeled in red on key map.**
 - b) How many of these states did you find? **13**
4. Place a star at the approximate location of the Flower Garden Banks NMS. **Blue star by TX/LA on key map.**
5. Place a star at the approximate location of the Florida Keys NMS. **Blue star by FL on key map.**

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Answer Key**

